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Hospital wait times become election issue

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The more painful it was to walk, the longer the wait for an operation seemed. For two years Lynda Campbell was told that she needed surgery on her right foot. A combination of arthritis and bunions was causing her toes to curl in and as the condition grew worse she was limping more than she was walking.

But in the hierarchy of healthcare, feet were close to the bottom of the orthopedic surgeon's list.

"Everybody is on a waiting list," the Soyers Lake resident says. "There were so many people who had more urgent things to deal with. My problem was non-life-threatening and hips and knees take precedence over feet."

On Thursday, October 20, 2005, Campbell finally got the call she'd been waiting for. There'd been a cancellation at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre; could she come to Peterborough the next day for the pre-op?

"Oh sure," she said with enthusiasm, "because I'm coming down to see my heart specialist anyway."

There was silence on the other end of the phone. Heart specialist? Was there a problem with her heart? If so, no operation.

It ended up that Campbell did have an operation in Peterborough the next day. It just wasn't the one she expected.

When she arrived in Peterborough on the Friday morning, Dr. Bill Hughes looked at the results from the heart

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You have to crawl before you can ski

Jim Hopkins slides his body under the pole as he leads his group of young Nordic skiers at the first Jack Rabbit training session of the season at Glebe Park in Haliburton on Saturday. The Jack Rabbit program teaches the sport to children and also provides them a venue for improvement in the sport. This event is hosted by the Haliburton Ski Club.

Emergency department swamped over holidays

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A series of unrelated events combined to create a perfect storm of medical emergencies during the Christmas holidays.

On Thursday, December 28, paramedics who were supposed to be off at 8 p.m. stayed on the job until three the next morning. One nurse at the Haliburton Hospital's emergency department worked a 20-hour shift. Waiting times in the emergency department were so long that some people left in exasperation.

"I'd say demand doubled or tripled," says Dr. Robert Heyes, chief medical officer for Haliburton Highlands Health Services. "It was a parade of ambulances."

Bob English, the administrator of the county's EMS department, says that in a 24-hour period over December 28 and 29, paramedics responded to 25 calls.

Fifteen of them were emergencies, making it one of the busiest days in the service's history.

There were skiers and snowmobilers with broken limbs, people with pneumonia, a heart attack that required a transfer and a drug overdose, not to mention all the less serious ailments that afflict people in the winter.

Extra staff were brought in to the hospital and two doctors tried to keep up with the steady stream of patients but Dr. Heyes says some people did leave before they were seen.

"Those who chose to wait were very understanding," he says, adding that for the most part people realized that the hospital staffing levels can't fluctuate to meet all the demands of an area that has such sudden surges in population.

He adds that "the nurses were fabulous. One nurse started at seven in the morning and she was still here at 1 a.m."

English says that his crews "were able

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Folk Society ups the musical ante

The Haliburton County Folk Society, has some ambitious plans for 2006 to expand the musical horizons of Haliburton County music lovers, building on the successes of its twice-monthly open stage, and past concerts.

The first concert, on January 22, is a double-bill with blues artists Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick.

The vision behind the concert series is to build on the society mandate by presenting nationally and internationally-recognized performers to larger audiences in the Haliburton Highlands, the first block of shows is slated for the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which offers seating capacity the folk society has not had for past shows.

"We are confident there are a sufficient number of people in the area who appreciate world-class musicians, songwriters and performers to support a concert series of this scale," says the folk society's Barry Hayward. "We have a core audience that has support-

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Meanwhile, don't forget there are advance polls this Friday and Saturday. They're at the Minden Community Centre and the Haliburton Legion.

Although there's not enough snow to allow the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to start grooming all of its trails (they need at least a foot of

snow), last week it did start grooming the rail trail between Kinmount and Haliburton. To keep up to date on trail conditions visit www.hcsa.on.ca and add it to your bookmarks.

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news and events worth noting

with school children in the day and put on a concert that night at Trinity United Church, 42 William Street in Bobcaygeon at 7:30 p.m. Mozart's birthday, by the way, is January 27.

The Lindsay Concert Foundation is pleased to present the outstanding percussion ensemble Nexus in concert on Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Academy Theatre in Lindsay. On Saturday, Mar. 18, the Volger Quartet of Berlin with pianist Ian Parker will present an exciting concert at the Glenn Crombie Theatre, Fleming College in Lindsay. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information call (705) 878-5625 or visit www.quidnovis.com/lcf.

In celebration of Mozart's birthday, the Bobcaygeon Music Council has invited members of the Peterborough Symphony to work



DARREN LUM/Echo

Winning odds

The Ralls End Gallery's Executive Director Saskia Tentress draws Carnarvon resident Bailey Renshaw's ticket from the 84 names during the Weekly Winnings draw at the gallery on Monday, Jan. 2. Renshaw won \$350 and can win again as names are drawn every week until the end of March when the grand prize of \$5,000 will be awarded. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at the Haliburton CIBC and the gallery.

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As he explores in his first column in this week's *Echo*, now that he's moved to Mountain Lake from Toronto, Ross Jarvis finds it difficult to keep in shape. It's not that he doesn't have all the right equipment or that his couch is too inviting...
DARREN LUM/ECHO

AT HOME AT THE COTTAGE

Echo's new columnist is no stranger to life in the Highlands

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

IT WAS THE 1980s and Ross Jarvis was comparing the life he wanted with the life he had.

It's not that what he had was that bad; a successful career as one of Canada's top advertising copywriters, a new marriage, a young family and life on a sailboat moored in the Toronto harbour.

But he knew there would come a time when he'd want a slower pace of life, a retreat from the competitive world of advertising where "anyone older than 14 is considered long in the tooth." The trick would be how to afford it.

It just so happened that Jarvis was thinking these thoughts while sitting in the boardroom of London Life. The venerable insurance company was also thinking about how to improve its economic future and it wanted Jarvis's help.

Jarvis's boss, Foster Advertising, had just landed the contract to come up with a new marketing campaign.

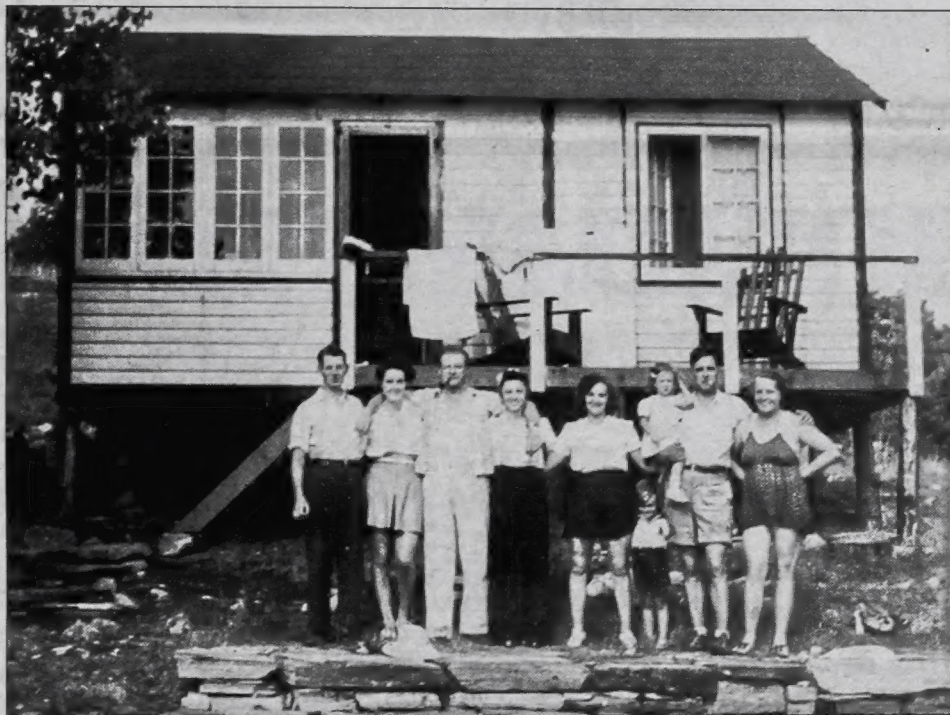
"We went to London Life and they indoctrinated us from seven o'clock in the morning to five o'clock at night with all the London Lifeness we could handle," Jarvis remembers. "Then in came one guy; it was the president, Earl Orser."

London Life might have had an image as a stuffed shirt but Orser told them he was tired of the same old wallpaper masquerading as advertising. He ran an excellent company, with excellent salespeople, and he wanted those salespeople to have a new concept to sell. No more sacred cows.

Now it was up to Jarvis to work his magic.

Hmmm... insurance. We buy it for when things go wrong but how about using it to make sure that things go right?

Jarvis knew he wasn't alone in wanting to retire early and he came up with



In the 1930s, Ross Jarvis's grandparents bought a pre-fabricated cottage from Sears for \$139. They brought it by barge to Mountain Lake, planting the family's roots in the Highlands. It became the family's constant gathering place.

an idea based on his life. At first he thought of it as Hawaii 55, a take on the popular television program, *Hawaii Five-O*. Everyone could buy into the dream of lying on a beach in Hawaii when they were 55, right?

But maybe not Hawaii 55. Let's think of what Hawaii meant. No concerns, no worries - freedom. Let's call the campaign Freedom 55.

"If you're any good at advertising, you know when you have a good idea," Jarvis says, and he thought Freedom 55 was a pretty darned good one. After all, he'd bought into it already.

He and his team returned to London Life for the big presentation. "All the underlings didn't want anything to do with it," he remembers. "It was too much change. Their whole approach to selling insurance would have to change."

"But Orser loved it so that was the end of it," Jarvis laughs at what his idea has wrought in the modern vernacular. "Now there's Freedom 55 Inc."

It turned out that Freedom 55 was a bit of wishful thinking for him, particu-

larly since his two sons would be teenagers with expensive university educations still ahead of them when he was 55. He hadn't married till he was 40, and had kids after that, so maybe Freedom 60 was a manageable goal.

Not for him, however, dreams of the white sands of Hawaii beaches. To Jarvis, freedom meant life on Fairfield Bay.

Back in the 1930s, Ross's grandparents, Edith and Fred Jarvis were sitting on the vacant piece of land they had just bought on Mountain Lake. A couple of fishermen went by, waving. When the fishermen passed by later that day, there was a cottage on the property - a pre-fabricated building the Jarvises had bought from Sears for \$139 and brought by truck and barge to Fairfield Bay. The family's roots were planted.

The Jarvises had five sons. (There had been three when, wishing for a girl, they ended up with twin boys and quickly decided that five of anything was enough.) Ross's father was Wilf, who fell in love with the cottage and all

it represented. When Wilf married Peggy, they built their own cottage next door in the 1950s and subsequently made sure their four children could spend as much time there as possible.

"This was the one place that was a constant in all of us Jarvises' lives. It became the solid foundation place," Ross says, sitting in the lakeside living-room of what is now his year-round home. "There was no one along the point, no one on the island, so we had the whole run of the place."

Ross had three siblings: Lynne, who now lives on Redstone Lake and sells real estate, Alan and Dale. Alan was a 27-year-old Sheridan College grad when he had an epileptic seizure and died in his bathtub. Dale was for many years a member of Community Living in Haliburton; she died a couple of years ago.

The Jarvises, however, had the habit of making their entire neighbourhood into an extended family.

Across the street in Scarborough lived the Breithaupt boys who were invited along for weekends and summers at the cottage. They brought their instruments and together formed a group called the Fairfield Bayers. Since the neighbours couldn't help but hear them playing on a Saturday night, they decided to join them and the Jarvis cottage was Minden's answer to Toronto's folk music scene.

One Saturday night it was pouring rain so the group decided to head into Minden, taking their instruments with them. The Dominion Hotel patrons didn't know what hit them. But the bar's owners did and asked the band to come back and play every Saturday night. "We played for beer," Ross laughs (and given the opportunity he'd probably still be happy playing for beer.)

Rituals take on added importance at the cottage. They make the place even more special, and nothing was more special than dropping by Bill Austin's Esso station on Highway 35 on the Sunday night drive home.

"My, he was a funny guy," Jarvis says. "He'd have a line-up of cars just to see him. It would be a nice way to end the

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Jarvis first Canadian ad man to win award at Cannes

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weekend, with a quip from Bill: 'Shake your head, your eyes are stuck.' You could put a quarter in the Coke machine and occasionally you'd get a beer. He'd have these contests and when you asked 'Who won last year?', he'd say 'Funny thing - I did.'

When Ross was 17 he got a job with an advertising firm and never looked back. He wrote radio jingles, he wrote television commercials, he wrote print ads, he did race relations ads with Oscar Peterson, Moe Koffman and Rob McConnell. Whoever the client, Jarvis would try to do his magic (and in the winter months he'd try to make sure that magic sprang from a setting in, let's say, Venice or Arizona so he'd be able to escape the cold Toronto streets for the shoot. His adage: "Always open on a palm tree which meant you'd have to go south.")

The days before focus groups were the best. "Focus groups will bland out anything with an idea. It's such a scared business now. There was a time in the 70s when the commercials were better than the shows. They treated people like they had a brain."

Jarvis won a lot of awards over the years but the only one he hasn't put in a garage sale is the Lion D'Or he won at the Cannes Film Festival, becoming the first Canadian to be awarded such an honour.

It was for a television commercial for Cadbury's that was shot in a Toronto

studio. "It was a black and white, 60-second commercial - that's how old it was."

There are two chocolate bars on display in a store. A little boy comes in and asks 'What's in that one?' Unable to decide which one to buy, he asks for half of each.

"It was a real sleeper of an ad," Jarvis said, but someone from the agency sent it off to Cannes and it was the winner in 1969.

No matter what his success, advertising was still a tough business. "You're only as good as your next ad," he says. "People got fired from the same place several times."

There was a lot of drinking and socializing after work which put a strain on personal relationships, which is why it's wise that he didn't marry until he was 40.

Valerie Johnston was the head of public relations for Montreal Trust, which was responsible for recording the numbers of Wintario, Lotto 649 and Super Lotto. Remember when the games were televised? She was the one who stood by the machine as the numbered balls rolled down and displayed the numbers with a smile that was as kind for the losers as well as winners.

At first the Jarvises had a condo on Front Street and a boat at Pier 4 but when sons Jamie and Matthew were babies, Ross and Valerie decided to turn the boat into their home.

The sailboat became their life, even taking them away from the cottage at Mountain Lake. They'd sail to Youngstown, New York for the day and



DARREN LUM/Echo

"I feel completely different about the place," Ross Jarvis says of the transition from cottager to resident. "There are roads I've never travelled."

in the summer of 1983 spent three weeks sailing the Thousand Islands. Their home was their cottage.

Ironically, it was because the boys wanted to go swimming that they started going to the cottage again. Surrounded by water, there was no place to go for a swim. There was netting all around the boat to prevent the boys from falling in and besides, Lake Ontario didn't offer the cleanest of beaches.

By this time Ross's parents had retired to the Highlands. Peggy died in the late 1970s and Wilf responded by immersing himself in the community, becoming one of Community Living's most beloved volunteers. After he died in early 2004, Ross and Valerie decided to make the move, gradually turning Wilf's home into their home.

Surrounded by friends he's made

through the years - a former girlfriend, Nancy Lee, even owns his grandparents' original cottage - he started the process of becoming a local. Today there are few roads he hasn't discovered as a realtor with Countrywide Real Estate in Minden.

This past summer, Jarvis began documenting what happens when you undergo that metamorphosis from cottager to year-round resident in *County Life* and now he's become one of our regular editorial page columnists. His musings, will appear every second week.

We welcome Ross Jarvis to the pages of the *Haliburton County Echo* with the same enthusiasm with which he's embraced all things Haliburton County. It won't take him long to get settled in, sharing with our readers his unique perspective as both a newcomer and man with deep roots here.

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Folk Society gambles on filling Northern Lights Pavilion

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ed the folk society and its activities in the past, our audience have always done themselves proud - some of the most appreciative and attentive around, regularly drawing praise from the performers. In the past, this core audience has continued to support concerts, even if they weren't familiar with the artist, such is the folk society's reputation for bringing in quality acts.

"We now need to expand that audience and attract those culturally-inclined highlanders who may not know or yet appreciate what 'folk music' is all about. Behind the genre label is extraordinary acoustic roots music performed by internationally-recognized performers," he says.

Getting commitment through

EMS has busy year

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to respond to all calls and no one was left waiting." He attributes this to the co-operation he receives from his staff. "All of our people don't worry what quitting time is. They stay till they have to. We've got a really dedicated group."

The rest of the holiday was relatively quiet except for a quick blip on January 3 when icy roads led to three accidents within 30 minutes in the Minden area.

In some ways the craziness of December 28 was the appropriate ending to the year. English says that calls are up roughly 18 per cent over last year. From May 1 to September 30, calls were up 30 per cent thanks to a hot, dry summer attracting more people to the Highlands.

advanced ticket sales is also critical. It reduces the 'gulp!' factor for the society as a presenter. (As a not-for profit organization, the folk society wants to minimize its financial liabilities.)

The calibre of the performers in future shows will be driven by the willingness of the local audiences to purchase tickets. The primary revenue source for the concert series is ticket sales, and higher profile artists command higher fees, and associated costs for the concert series increase proportionately.

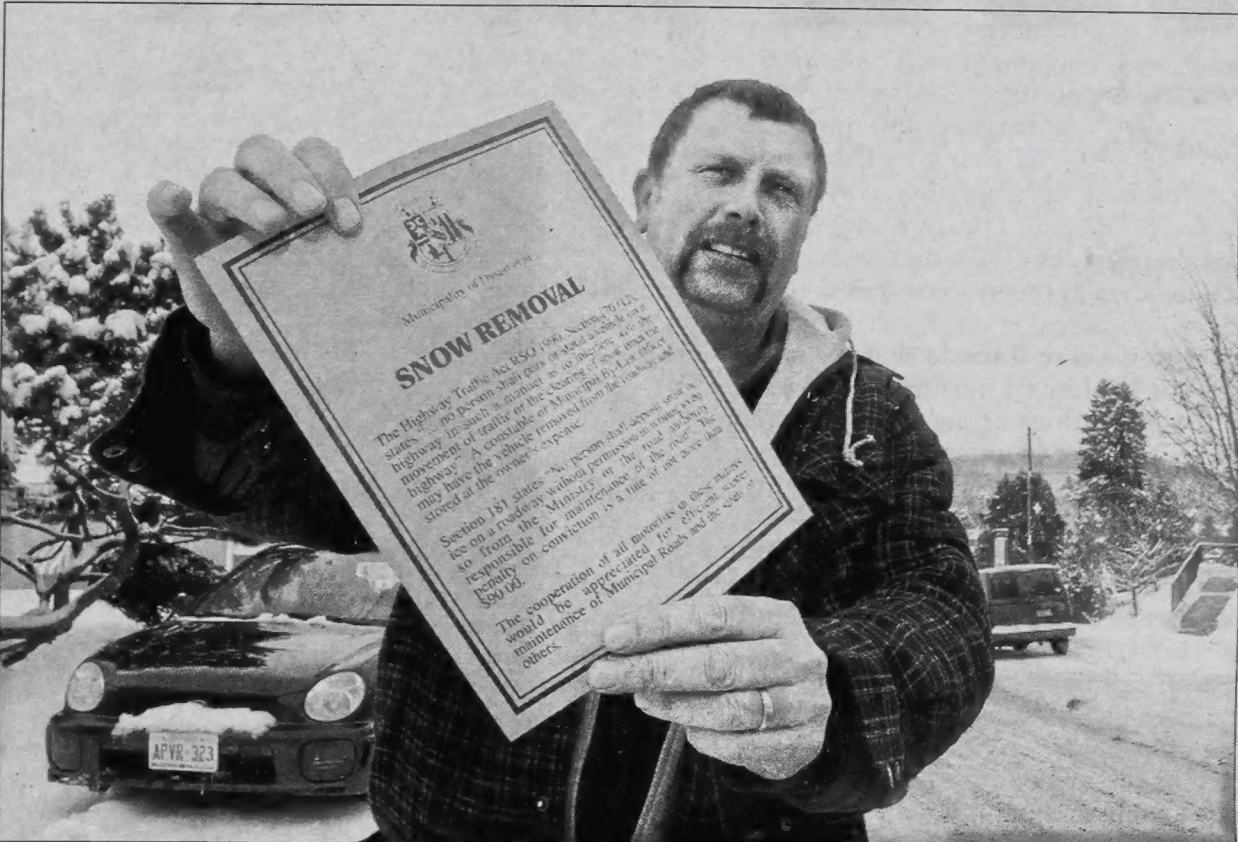
To help ensure the success of the concert series, the folk society has applied for funding from the 'Fresh Start!' Program, intended to help arts organizations in remote communities build capacity as presenters if arts events and activities.

The folk society has also hired a youth intern to assist in marketing, promotion and fundraising efforts.

Other confirmed shows include Stephen Fearing February 25 and David Francey May 31. A fourth show in April

will be announced soon. There are also plans underway to revive a fall folk festival, building on a gathering that took place for three years at the Minden White Water Preserve. (The open stage continues on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at the York Street Internet Cafe in Haliburton.)

Tickets for all concerts are available at the York Street Internet Cafe of Golden Stationers in Minden, \$20 each (HCFS members \$18). For info call 705-457-1174 or email hayward6@sympatico.ca.



Last warning

On Monday, the Dysart roads department decided that it would no longer issue warnings to people whose parked vehicles are interfering with snow plows. Instead, vehicles will be towed away. Brian Nicholson says the new policy is in response to problems over the past few weeks.

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Expect a dishonest answer

As much as we bewail the fact that politicians aren't honest, our behaviour doesn't always encourage politicians to tell us what they really feel. We often don't want to hear the truth, so how can we blame them for not giving it to us?

Take healthcare.

If you listened to some media reports, the Canadian system is totally dysfunctional. People aren't getting the care they need, patients are dying as they wait for surgery, and queue-jumping by those who

can afford it has become the only alternative. Yet when you talk to friends and family, many will share stories of their positive experiences, saying that when they needed it, the system was there for them.

We have had it so good in Canada that we are starting to take our healthcare system for granted. We increase our expectations at the same time that we increase our demands. In an age of instant gratification, we expect instant care and wonder why the system can't always provide it.

That doesn't mean that the system can't get better, or that we should have to suffer the pain of an arthritic hip in silence as we wait for surgery. But we can't expect politicians to offer us quick fixes during an election campaign. If we do, how can we expect them to give us honest answers? Instead, they'll say that only their party has the answer – and they'll give us the answer they think we want.

In this week's article on hospital wait times, the local candidates are brave enough to say that we, as responsible Canadians, need to be part of the solution. We need to play a more active role in trying to prevent illness or injury, with heavy emphasis on the active. We have to watch what we eat, exercise more regularly and quit smoking.

What a boring message that has become. Yet sadly, as simple and repetitive as it may sound, it really is true. Our bodies were not made for the fat-laden diets that we drive up to a restaurant window to get. Eat too much sugar and carbohydrates and we'll get diabetes. Don't exercise and our excess weight will put strain on our joints which will eventually need replacing.

This isn't to blame people for getting ill. Illness happens. But when there is an opportunity to preserve our health, we should be taking advantage of the opportunity. If we think we don't have time or energy to go for a walk every day, how will we be able to cope with the effects of diabetes?

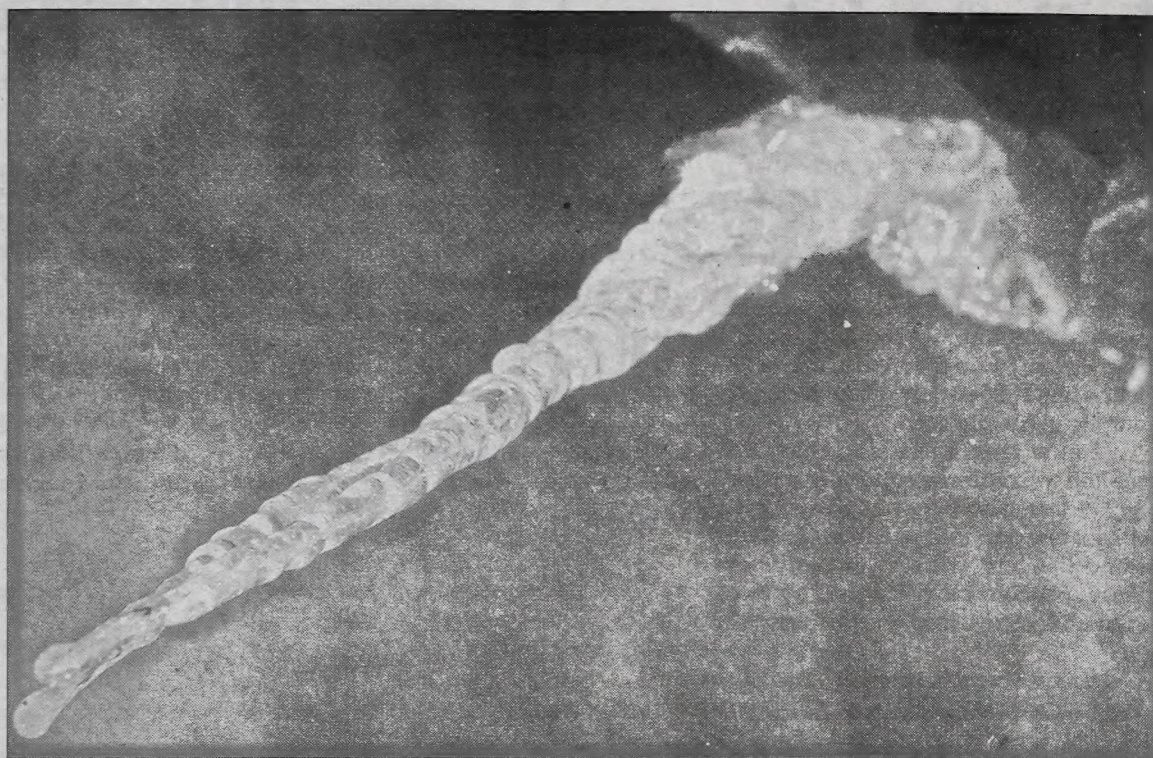
NDP candidate Anne MacDermid is right in saying that we must also put more emphasis on preventing illness by cleaning up our environment. For all the advances in cancer treatments, the rate of cancer continues to gallop ahead of our best efforts. There has to be a correlation between our environment and our health.

The strains on our healthcare system will only intensify as the baby boomers get older and the pool of young workers contributing taxes to fund the system shrinks in comparison. We need to be working with our healthcare providers and our politicians to come up with solutions, instead of setting the stage for empty promises.

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Is the city healthier than the country?

The snowshoes are again propped up against the wall just outside my door where they stood all last winter, waiting for me to actually put them on. They aren't the newfangled, aluminum Mountain Equipment models; these are wooden-framed and gut-strung oldies that hark back to Sergeant Preston of the Yukon; and while they conjure up dog teams and mushing, they do make a very Klondike impression on the casual observer.

Snowshoeing, along with cross-country skiing and skating were going to make up my new wintertime activities since I escaped the sooty slush of Toronto and became a full-time, lakeside resident of Haliburton.

I created my own skating rink last year, and did make some use of it, although visiting kids actually made it worthwhile. The cross-country skis never found their way out of storage.

This winter, now that the Christmas and New Year's excesses are over and final waistline tallies are made, I have promised to take a shot at (at least some of) this year's resolutions.

Who would believe that having moved away from the decadent city to the great outdoors of Haliburton, I have actually gained 20 pounds? How could this be? Is it the clean country air giving me a bigger appetite? Is it Coneybeare's terrific meats? Kawartha Dairy ice cream? Well, maybe. But I think it is lack of exercise.

In Toronto, I would walk everywhere. This is because you can't get anywhere by driving except into the nearest traffic jam. And if your traffic jam happens to get within proximity of your destination, you can't get out of your car because there aren't any parking spots. So you drive somewhere else and pay the man anywhere from 10 to 30 dollars to baby-sit your car. No, the car just doesn't make sense in the city.

You walk (exercise) to the subway. You

walk down the never-ending subway stairs. (More exercise.) You amble (exercise) up and down the platform until the train arrives.

Once on the train, you most likely will not find

a seat, so you stand and swing (exercise) from the handles as the train careers down the track.

When you get to your stop, you are shunted out by the crowd and stumble, half walking, half running (exercise) to the stairs where you make your way back up to ground level. (Some exercise, some escalators.) And then you walk to wherever you were going. (Again, exercise)

Also, if you're sitting at home watching TV and find yourself out of something like a snack of some kind, you will probably just

run (exercise) down the block to the nearest convenience store and make your purchase. And then run (exercise) back. So the unhealthy snack requires some healthy exercise to get. The same goes for window-shopping, or any kind of shopping for that matter. You are walking, and if it's a Big Sale, there could be full bodily contact.

The fact is, just normal living in the city is exercise. Here in Haliburton, naturally I drive everywhere. In the spring, we would walk in the woods but the black flies drove us out. In summer, the mosquitoes would just wait at the end of my driveway for me. Swimming was the only real source of exercise that I put my heart into, mainly because it was so incredibly hot last summer.

So, I have to start my exercise this winter.

I am going to use the rink as long as it doesn't melt away like it did last January, only to freeze me out when the temperature dipped to -31 in February.

I will bring out the cross-country skis and give them another try.

I definitely will use the snowshoes since there is absolutely no excuse not to.

I promise to lose 20 pounds, Celsius.



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Shell shocked

Every now and then I strike up enough courage to teach my kids something that is potentially hazardous to the well-being of others. Last week, for instance, I taught Carmen how to cook scrambled eggs.

It seemed like a good idea; one of those Kodak moments - father and daughter set loose in a kitchen, laughing maniacally, and breaking innocent eggs with reckless abandon.

The truth is, Carm, though only six, took to it like a pro. Within minutes, she served me a hearty breakfast of nice scrambled eggs, complete with orange juice and toast. She was proud as punch. So was I.

The problem began the next morning at breakfast.

"Dad would you like scrambled eggs again?" she asked.

I hesitated, for just a moment.

"Oh please," she said, "if I'm going to be a chef I need to practise."

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"A chef?"

"Yes, a chef. I'm going to open up a scrambled eggs restaurant! It will be my specialty." She then looked at me with those big brown eyes and a quivering lower lip.

"Please can I make you scrambled eggs?" She begged.

Any answer but yes would have got me thrown out of the fraternity of fatherhood. Still, what followed was no picnic. Perhaps a few excerpts from my memoirs will explain.

January 1st, 2006: "Woke up very early this New Year's morning, snuck into the kitchen, hoping to make myself a quiet breakfast before the rest of the family rose. Funny thing is, Carm beat me to it. There she was, scrambling eggs just for me. It was the third time in three days; what a nice way to start off the New Year ..."

January 2nd, 2006: "Got a 5 a.m. rise; I was hoping to get a head start on my work so I could go ice fishing in the afternoon. Who would have thought Carmen would rise with me, just so she could make me scrambled eggs? I'm sure the novelty will wear off soon."

January 3rd, 2006: "When I said wear off soon, I was hoping that'd mean this %\$#@! morning. But no, there were those malevolent scrambled eggs on the table once again - I swear that they were laughing at me - egging me on, even. I would have fed them to the dogs but Carm was watching far too intently. Her exact words were, 'I just love watching you eat my cooking daddy. Would you like a second helping?' Darn, her big brown eyes and quivering lip."

January 4, 2006: "I figured I could beat this scrambled eggs nightmare by pretending to sleep in. Who would have thought she would serve me breakfast in bed for the first time ever? And, you guessed it, scrambled eggs! I believe my cholesterol level has hit a record high today. I just know her mother is behind all this. Despite my express orders, she keeps buying eggs."

January 5, 2006: "Last night I had a horrible nightmare. In it, I was an old man chained to a breakfast table at a poultry farm. Carm was there, too, surrounded by two dozen of their finest laying hens. She was happily scrambling eggs as fast as they could lay them and I was being force-fed by deadbeat roosters who were looking to get out of paying child support."

I woke up in a cold sweat and walked downstairs to the kitchen. There was Carm, in the process of making me more scrambled eggs."

January 6, 2006: "Maybe I'm - ba-caw! - just hallucinating but I could have sworn I saw feather growth on my leg today at breakfast. I noticed it - ba-caw! - after Carm served me more scrambled eggs! I believe I'm being followed by roosters, too."

January 7, 2006: "Don't know why it happened but, today, I find myself morally opposed to Colonel Saunders, Chicken McNuggets, and the entire egg marketing board. As she placed yet more cursed scrambled eggs upon the table in front of me, Carm told me I was being silly. Then she urged me to eat up. Said I was looking a bit yellow."

January 8, 2006: "Forced down more scrambled eggs this morning. Couldn't concentrate on my work at all. I spent all day wondering, which came first, the chicken or the egg? Doesn't matter, I hate them both."

January 9, 2006: "Carm went back to school today. Before she left she apologized for not having the time to make me scrambled eggs. 'Don't cry, daddy,' she said after the announcement. 'I can make them for you again on the weekend.' I composed myself and wished my little angel a good day at school. Then I sat down to a peaceful breakfast with Carol."

"She made scrambled eggs ... Ba-caw!"



pic of the past

They say children don't grow on trees ... or do they? This unusual photo has been featured in this space before, but we couldn't resist showing it to you again. We don't have all that much information about the photo, which was probably taking sometime during the 1930s. We believe the kids are members of teacher Harold Black's class but we're not sure. If you know more than we do about this pic of the past, don't hesitate to let us know.

letters to the editor

Neutral downhill? Uh, uh!

To the Editor:

As a long time driver of tractor trailers, school buses, and buses I feel I have to respond to Paul Charron's tips on safe winter driving in your paper dated January 4, 2006.

My driving began with hauling logs from the woods before I even had license to drive on the highways. This was over crude logging roads hacked between root and stump through the woods. There were many steep hills to climb and equally as many to descend. I learned from experienced truckers who had spent much time doing this.

I have hauled wood, lumber, logs, steel, and freight over winter roads all my life sometimes driving trucks with two transmissions, and up to 26 speeds ahead.

I attended the Eastern Ontario School of Trucking, was present at many school bus seminars, and many defensive driving courses while employed at Smith Transport, and City of Peterborough Transit. Never once was I advised to, or have I ever practised descending a hill in neutral. The absolute opposite has always been recommended.

Some drivers refer to any and all ice on highways as black ice. Black ice forms on bare pavement at slightly below the freezing temperature when humidity is high often with clear skies. Experienced and professional drivers will slow down and be aware of the possibility when these conditions are present.

The best advice for winter driving is to slow down. The tires touch only a very small area of the pavement. Winter roads greatly reduce the

grip. Slush and road sand can be as deadly as ice and snow at high speeds.

Ray Miller
Haliburton

Happy where she is

To the Editor:

Re: The future face of Main Street, Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

We bought this week's Echo to read about what was new on main street. When we finished the article (and the editorial) we were left with the feeling that we are located at Not Quite Main Street. For many years we have wanted to be, and have asked the BIA to be included with Main Street, but have been told we are not considered part of the village.

However, we know we had a fantastic location with a wonderful view, space and parking at Not Quite Main Street and we never thought that there was a difference in that one half of the block. That was before reading the article and editorial. Now we know what the BIA has been telling us all along, that there is a difference in that half a block.

We have so much fun and enjoy the company of some wonderful people from around Haliburton, the surrounding area and visitors from around the world, year round. They enjoy the shop, participate in our silly contests and share in the laughter.

We should all know that after Christmas is

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Political parties differ on how to solve wait-time problem

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monitor she'd been wearing since the beginning of the week and then he looked at her.

"This is the thing," he said matter-of-factly. "Your heart rate is too slow. It even stopped twice overnight for eight seconds. You're getting a pacemaker today."

Nine hours later, Campbell's husband Lorne was driving her home, her newly-installed pacemaker making sure her heart was beating away at a life-saving rate.

"I can't tell you how lucky I felt to be living in this country and this community," she says today.

Faced with the prospect of two surgeries, she didn't have to worry about how she was going to pay for them or whether she'd have to make choices as to the type of treatment she'd receive. Although the wait for foot surgery was long - she finally had the operation on November 29 - when she was facing a real health crisis, the system kicked in immediately.

Despite its faults, Campbell says Canada's healthcare system should be celebrated and preserved. She heartily agrees with last week's letter to the editor from Dr. Terry Hicks. If private insurance was allowed as a way to reduce wait times, he said, the only people who would benefit are those who have enough money "to jump the line ahead of those who must rely on the public system."

He argues, as does Campbell, that a two-tier healthcare system must not be allowed to set root in Canada. Private companies can offer healthcare services as long as they get paid the OHIP rates. Allow private providers to charge more for wealthier clients and you undermine one of the pillars of Canadian society.

Wait times for healthcare have become a federal election issue with all parties offering promises to reduce how long people must wait for treatment.

Local Conservative MP Barry Devolin, who had his own dealings with the healthcare system after suffering through an ear infection last week, finds the shift in debate intriguing.

"This is the first campaign where the focus is on wait times, which are a function of the system rather than the system itself."

The Conservatives drafted their position paper after the Supreme Court ruled that it was illegal to deny a Quebec man the right to get private healthcare. If the system could not provide the care in a timely matter, then Canadians have the right to get it elsewhere. This followed a bi-partisan Senate study which, Devolin says, "said that the patient shouldn't have to pay the price for the system not being able to provide timely healthcare."

Under the Conservative proposal, a patient's healthcare provider must provide certain services, such as a hip replacement, in a prescribed time. If this isn't possible then the provider is obligated to meet that standard, even if it means sending the person to another jurisdiction.

"The provider has a responsibility to provide service in a period of time. That's the main point."

The Conservatives' policy differs from the Liberal initiative in that the Tories would allow the patient to be sent to the United States or a private provider.

"Why put restrictions on where the provider could send someone," Devolin says, arguing that under the Liberal plan, if a bed cannot be found elsewhere in the province or, presumably, the rest of Canada, all other avenues are closed off. "It's not a guarantee that guarantees a result."

He says that by forcing healthcare providers to meet certain targets, the onus is on the provider to do it in-house as a way of avoiding the cost of paying for another provider. "It's in their interest to provide the service locally."

Is allowing patients to be sent to a private healthcare facility pushing health-

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"I can't tell you how lucky I felt to be living in this country and this community," says Lynda Campbell, who's getting a get-well kiss from her dog Tanner. She waited two years for foot surgery but got a pacemaker installed within hours of finding out she needed one.

care down the slippery slope towards a two-tier system?

"Our proposal meets the test that's been established by the Supreme Court and I don't think the Liberals' does," Devolin says.

As well, the policy is not for all types of healthcare. A list has been established of services that should be provided within an identifiable time. "I don't see this as throwing the door open to any Canadian being able to demand treatment anywhere in the world. There's a specific list."

"The intention is that this will put pressure on provincial providers to ensure treatment is available."

Liberal candidate Greg Walling says that the federal debate on wait times is a bit of a red herring since the federal gov-

ernment is not involved with directly providing healthcare services. That's the role of the provinces, and every time the federal government is seen to be interfering, the provinces, especially Alberta and Quebec, protest.

"As federal members, our responsibility is to help with the funding and make sure there's consistency in service. I know [Prime Minister Paul] Martin didn't want to write a blank cheque [to the provinces.] How did you know you weren't going to fund a tax cut rather than an MRI? You as a taxpayer want to make sure your money is well spent. Any time we put strings on [the provinces'] money they don't like it."

"I find [the wait-time debate] a bit political. They can ask to improve wait

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times but really it is the jurisdiction of the provinces."

Walling's wife Elaine works in the emergency department at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay and she agrees with Campbell's assessment: when someone is critically ill they get the care they need immediately.

"I believe the system we have is worth preserving," Walling says. "What we want is that people can always get healthcare regardless of their income. I don't believe in two-tier. I don't think a rich person should be able to buy better service than a poor person but we should look at better ways of providing services."

However, he says, that doesn't mean there's no role for private companies in a public system. At Ross Memorial, diagnostic tests for heart patients are provided by Parkway Nuclear. It's a private clinic located right in the hospital and all services are covered by OHIP. Obviously the hospital feels the partnership is the most cost-effective.

His wife has also convinced him that more emphasis should be placed on preventing people from needing healthcare.

Andy Harjula, the Green Party candidate, agrees.

"The Green Party position is that we should have pre-healthcare in addition to what we do now," he says. "We should be doing more to stay healthy. It will reduce demands and reduce wait times."

Last summer his niece from Finland was visiting and

she was horrified to learn that the number of high school physical education teachers was being reduced. "She looked at me with disbelief. She said, 'You'll have to deal with obesity, heart problems, because people won't be leading active lives.' Finns are much more health conscious than we are and it makes more sense."

Flu shots are another example of the effectiveness of preventative medicine. By reducing the number of people getting ill, there was less stress on the healthcare system, especially hospital emergency departments. "The costs of the vaccine is miniscule compared to the savings they made in emergency visits."

"We have to re-prioritize it so that [funding] goes to critical areas and the healthcare professionals know best how to do that."

As to two-tier healthcare, he says "We should stay with the system we have and work with it. We have a great system."

And the system is working. He points to life expectancy statistics as proof.

A Canadian can expect to live 79.33 years while an American's life is three years shorter. Someone living in the United Kingdom has until they're 77.37. As well, Canada's mortality rates are the lowest of the three at 5.47 per thousand.

NDP candidate Anne MacDermid says that 30 years ago, no one was debating healthcare because it wasn't an issue. It's only since successive federal governments have reduced healthcare payments to the provinces that

there have been complaints. With such huge budget surpluses, she believes the money is there to restore funding.

She is adamantly opposed to two-tier healthcare.

"Healthcare is a huge untapped source of big bucks for large corporations and they want in," she says. "Healthcare should not be a business."

She says studies in the United States and Great Britain show that a one-tier system is more cost effective. Two-tier healthcare is about 40 per cent more expensive than a publicly-funded one, she says, and the health outcomes are much better. Taking out the profit motive is a big contributor, she says. That allows staff to concentrate on their jobs rather than meeting profit targets.

She is worried that pollution is contributing to higher cancer rates. Measures should be taken to reduce pollution and the toxins we breathe in and consume as a way of fighting cancer and reducing costs.

Another issue that's not being addressed is mental health. "Mental illness is something we don't take very seriously. We don't discuss how prevalent mental health problems are."

But the system isn't all to blame. Canadians need to re-assess their own attitudes to healthcare.

"We've moved to a belief that we can take our bodies to the doctor like we can take our cars to the mechanic - it's broken so fix it," she says. "People need to take more responsibility for their own health."

So instead of being the potential candidate for knee surgery, we should try to prevent problems from arising by losing that extra 20 pounds and going for walks.

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Wait times debate 'I think we've almost got it just right'

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Lynda Campbell's story provides the perfect snapshot of Canada's healthcare system, says Dr. Robert Heyes, chief medical officer for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

For two years Campbell waited for corrective foot surgery but when her heart started beating at a life-threatening rhythm, the crisis was dealt with within hours.

"That's probably the way it should be," says Dr. Heyes. "You have to spread your resources in a fair manner. I think we've almost got it just right."

The current system finds a balance between giving immediate care to those who need it most and addressing ailments that aren't life-threatening as resources become available.

"I've never had a patient of mine who, for instance, was waiting for heart surgery and died on the waiting list," he says. "Ninety-nine per cent of people are dealt with with expedience. I'm confident people get urgent and emergent care at the right time. When the chips are down and someone has a life-threatening illness, [the care] is almost instant."

There are, however, long waits for elective surgeries, such as hip replacements. "It's not to say that people won't suffer, but they won't die."

The Canadian healthcare system has all kinds of wait times, he says. Newcomers to the Highlands have to wait for a doctor. Patients in emergency sometimes have to wait if there are more urgent cases. People with arthritic hips have to wait for surgery.

"In the United States you pay instead

DARREN LUM/Echo



By and large, the healthcare system is working, says Dr. Robert Heyes. "Ninety-nine per cent of people are dealt with with expedience. I'm confident people get urgent and emergent care at the right time. When the chips are down and someone has a life-threatening illness, (the care) is almost instant."

of waiting. In Canada you wait instead of paying."

The federal parties are introducing strategies that will provide limits on wait times as part of the election campaign but Dr. Heyes doesn't know how any guarantees can be promised without infusing the system with more money.

If hospitals are told to put more resources into orthopedic surgeries as a way of reducing the amount of time people have to wait for a hip replacement, where will the money for operating room nurses and anesthetists come from? And if money is being spent to send patients to other jurisdictions, could the money have been better spent improving services locally so people wouldn't have to go elsewhere?

Dr. Heyes knows of a Haliburton resident who instead of waiting in pain for elective surgery has opted to fly to India for the operation. Does that in itself cre-

ate a two-tier system because the person can afford to pay for the journey?

"I don't know what the right answer is," he says. "It's a difficult moral dilemma. Healthcare in Canada is different. It's special. There are problems with [the healthcare system] but they're not unsolvable. It's not dysfunctional. We have one of the best healthcare systems in the world. We have it pretty darned good."

"There should be a right to receive healthcare but who will pay? In the United States the costs are horrendous."

He says part of the pressure on the system today is attributable to the fact that we are living longer. We're surviving diseases and getting old enough to warrant having a hip replacement whereas a couple of generations ago, people didn't lead such active, healthy lives.

Greg Walling, the Liberal candidate agrees. "We have a real challenge and

the challenge is that our population is living longer and the base to pay for it is getting smaller."

There are stresses on the system that weren't there when Tommy Douglas shared his dream of universal healthcare with the Canadian people.

Dr. Heyes says, "Our expectations are higher, medications are more sophisticated, there is better technology and, as North Americans, we want to be instantly better. The demand often exceeds our ability to give timely service."

As for reducing waiting times for doctors in Haliburton by attracting more doctors, Dr. Heyes says "We have some hopefuls but until they're here we can't make promises."

Interviews have begun for the county's first nurse practitioner who will relieve some of the doctors' workload, freeing them up for dealing with patients with more serious needs.

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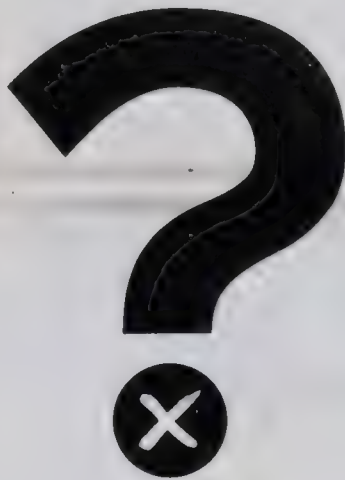


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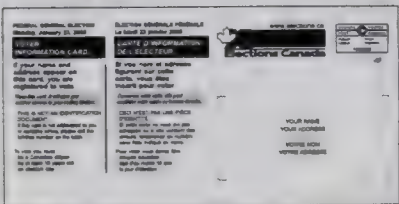
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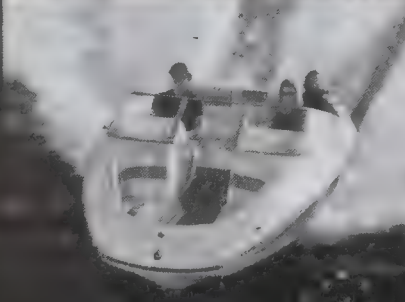


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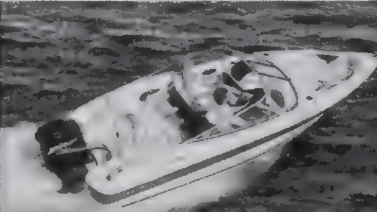
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Karate club members earn 14 medals



The Kai Shin Karate Club's Karate Student of the Year Sid MacKeigan, 50, shows his best form as Sensei Mike Chapman watches his form. MacKeigan, who has been a Club student only for several months, is the hardest working student, said Chapman. Photo, Darren Lum.

HEATHER SEABROOKE

Special to the Echo

It's been a busy couple of months for the Kai Shin Karate Club in Haliburton.

On Nov. 26 the club hosted its annual board and brick-breaking seminar. About 30 students arrived from across Ontario for the event which lasted three hours.

Board and brick breaking is a benchmark to test a student's focus and technique. "It's not a life or death issue," says Sensei Mike Chapman, "as you will probably never be attacked by a group of wild bricks or a gang of boards out looking for trouble." However, the technique is instrumental in teaching focus.

The club travelled to Mississauga Dec. 4 with nine of the participants bringing home 14 medals.

Winners were as follows: Sid MacKeigan won first in sparring and fourth in kata. Greg Kennedy added to

his gold medal run in kata, he is now 3 for 3, and also won third in sparring. Young Ben Moore won second in sparring and fourth in kata while his dad Rob won second place in kata and second in sparring, his nephew Paydon Miscio won fourth in sparring. Brandon Tripp won third in sparring and fourth in

kata. David Forde brought home third in sparring and third in kata.

Sensei Mike Chapman took part in an advanced black belt competition and won two of his matches showing that he has not lost his touch.

Dec. 11 saw the club back here in Haliburton for a belt grading, an event that usually takes three to four hours. The students were graded by three black belts and one brown belt.

Brad Tripp was upgraded to a brown belt, putting him on track to try for his black belt in a year.

Congratulations to Sid MacKeigan who was awarded the Kai Shin Karate Student of the year. Sid is a 50 year old participant who along with his grandson has been a hard working, dedicated member of the club for the past eight months. He is well liked and respected by all members of the club.

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Snowarama seeks sledders for popular Jan. 28 event

DARRIN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's Snowarama For Easter Seals Kids is a leader among fundraisers.

After more than 25 years, the annual Haliburton Rotary Club event continues to be an important fundraiser for the Easter Seal Society.

"The Haliburton Rotary Club Snowarama is one of our key Snowaramas across the province and has been a leader in raising funds for our Easter Seals children. It's one of our key contributors," says Easter Seal Society District Manager Anne Driscoll.

Last year there were more than 30 Snowaramas across the province, raising more than \$275,000 to Easter Seals. In its 31-year history, Snowarama has contributed \$15.54 million for children with special physical needs.

This event assists families in purchasing essential equipment and sending children to a "disabled access" overnight trip to Camp Merrywood - with outdoor and water-based activities such as canoeing and sailing. It also provides \$500 grants for computer and drama camps. Camp Merrywood is expected to evolve into a year-round camp because of the fundraising.

Haliburton's one-day event has consistently raised tens of thousands of dollars every year, averaging close to \$20,000 each year.

Snowarama event coordinator and Rotary member Jim Richards said the club is proud of this achievement.

"It gives you a feeling of pride and a feeling of accomplishment that we're helping out people who are less fortunate than us," he said.

Haliburton Forest hosts the event, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28.

Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum said the strength of this event mirrors the long-standing relationship between the club and the forest.

"It fits quite nicely with Haliburton Forest's operation and it's a partnership between Haliburton Forest and the local Rotary Club. It's for a good cause," Schleifenbaum said. "Another thing, it's one of the more secure Snowaramas. Often times Snowaramas have to be cancelled because of poor weather or trail conditions."

All forest trails are open except for any that cross open water.

Each day this fundraiser satisfies a growing need, Driscoll says. Parents spend from \$10,000 to \$40,000 a year for a child or youth with a physical disability.

The minimum pledge of \$100 provides entry to the forest, a lunch at the forest's Cookhouse restaurant and a free tank of gas provided by Sid Stamp Thermoshell.

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For more event information telephone the event's chairperson Jamie Cowen at (705) 457-3576.

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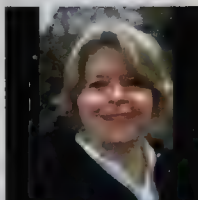
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To the Editor

Re: Editorial Jan 4th - "Whither main street?" and "The future face of main street."
The editorial said, "We need to make shopping in Haliburton another form of recreation. It needs to be fun and the merchandise needs to be interesting. Is that possible?" I must respond with a hearty "YES!!" Ethel Curry Gallery has been offering fun, interesting, quality merchandise for the last 10 years and are happy to report that we are alive and well, and experienced our best summer yet in 2005.
My knowledgeable artist friends tell me it's quite an accomplishment for a privately-owned gallery to last 10 years anywhere in Canada - so perhaps Haliburton is not such a bad place to do business. There are successful retail businesses in our community - they may not

all be on the main street but believe me many are doing well. I know this because we represent artists - a thriving part of our economy. Three years ago we found it necessary to expand our collection of artists to include artists from "away." Why? Because many local artists did not have enough product to keep both us and their own studios stocked. If an artist can sell all they can make out of their own home or studio that's a very good sign!
We have managed to survive some difficult years precisely because we do not sell run of the mill "made in China" product that can be found in every mall in Ontario. We have learned to make hay while the sun shines and enjoy the more relaxed pace of the winter. We have a loyal clientele, but we may lose them if all we do is complain about how much they are not spending. We provide quali-

ty merchandise and equally as important, excellent customer service. We believe in building relationships within the community because that is how you become known and valued.
I, too, was disappointed to learn that two more dollar stores would be opening in town, but let's not get all gloomy over it and expect the worst. No doubt the dollar stores will battle it out and the strongest will survive. Let's not assume that the loss of two excellent retail stores in Haliburton (one of which has continuously "reopened"), spells disaster for our village. Perhaps the owners of these stores that have closed need a well-deserved rest from their enterprises, or perhaps they just would like to do something different for a while. Our present empty storefronts became available for rent in November. Very few savvy retail operators will start a new business in Haliburton at this time of year. I am willing to bet the situation will be very different come spring. The cup is more than half full.
If we all view and present our village as being on a downhill slide, our clientele will believe this to be true also and will not bother coming to town at all. Our recent marketing study proved that "word of mouth" is still the best advertising. Let's not forget the huge investment in storefront improvements that local landlords have made over the past year. I agree with Don Popple, there are many people who "think this town's going to move ahead." Believe it, work hard at it and it will happen.

Happy in Haliburton
Jody Curry
The Ethel Curry Gallery

Taxes threaten to kill the golden goose

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to the reeves, deputy reeves and the councillors of the townships of Haliburton County (and the similiar officials of the lake country townships of the province).
I have been a taxpayer of Stanhope Township, now Algonquin Highlands, since 1953. It was quite common in those days to see buildings with tarpaper covering along what is now Highway 118 and other roads in the vicinity. There is none of that anymore! The obvious prosperity seen on all sides, as you are not doubt aware, due to the influx of the many cottagers who came to the area, bringing with them a demand for construction workers, modern super markets, hardware stores, auto repair facilities, road maintenance providers, etc, etc. You get the picture.
Now those some cottagers are being unfairly gouged by an assessment system that is obviously unfair.
For goodness sake, bring your collective power to bear on the provincial government to change this idiotic system! It's "killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

Art Wall
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Grateful to be located on Not Quite Main Street

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slow. Speaking for ourselves, we are always grateful for the time to catch up on the dreaded paperwork and find out what's new for Valentine's Day, spring and summer. As for Sundays, we have always been open along with some other merchants (including Cranberry Cottage) with one year's exception due to family obligations. However, as we get older we are finding that we need a little more time to get the house clean and matters attended to. So we have cho-

sen the Sundays and Mondays in January and February to get our breath along with the shoppers and some retailers.
After reading this article, we are most grateful to be located at Not Quite Main Street. Bob, teddies and friends will continue to enjoy our customers and friends who we feel are like us, careful with the dollars and love to enjoy a relaxing and fun atmosphere when they shop.
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So sad to have to report bereavements first thing in the year, but our sympathy is with Marilyn Robertson's family and her husband on the Irish Line and also with Christine Horton on the death of her father. Christine is known to many local residents and valued for her home care work.

On the brighter side, thanks to all who have brightened our season by decorative coloured lights. Fred Morgan and Bill Marshall on Nila's Road have really outdone themselves and of course the spit I still call

Holly's tree is spectacular in its tall beauty on St. Andrew's Road.

Dorothy Jones is now a resident in Extendicare and would welcome visitors.

Kathleen Owens hosted a small Twelfth Night party on Sunday afternoon for a few cousins and friends. Having left her place decorated, it was a fitting setting for celebration. Lovely time for all, oven goodies and punch and lively congenial conversation.

Wayne Cooper's holiday included a trip to Paris, France as well as to friends in Toronto.

The Rapsons were here (at the other house) with grandchildren Alex, and Spencer from Toronto. For those unacquainted with the place the white house further in the lane is where Earl's parents lived, ours being the grey house by the road.

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Members of the Haliburton-Kawartha local of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association will be holding their annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 21, and the event is open to the public.

Besides the usual business of an annual meeting, there will be seminars on testing and sap and syrup cleanliness, a report on pricing and displays by local equipment dealers.

The meeting takes place at the Buckhorn Community Centre and lasts from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with time out for a roast-beef dinner at noon.

Tickets must be reserved by January

15. For more information, contact Sam McLean in Lakefield by telephone at 1-705-657-2134 or via e-mail smclean@nexicom.net. Cost for the day is \$20.

Guests are invited to bring a sample of their own syrup for the testing session, conducted by longtime producers Ross and Lois Steed of Indian River, Ont., and John Henderson of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The Steeds, who were 2005 winners of the Ontario Maple Syrup Award, will demonstrate Brix testing for sugar content and maple grading and answer questions.

A panel of three local producers and OMAFRA's Dave Chapeskie will dis-

cuss cleanliness, with a special emphasis on the end-of-season cleanup.

The other panelists and facilitator Jim Moore of Janetville, all are Seal of Quality producers, which means they have met rigorous standards in their own operations.

Besides Chapeskie, the panel includes Lori Burt of Hastings, Louis Gyori of Cardiff, and Roger Hutchinson of Carnarvon.

Chapeskie will make a presentation on pricing and Henderson will provide an update on regulatory issues involving maple syrup.

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Happy New Year! Isn't it wonderful to stand before an open door looking through its arch and see all new beginnings for 2006. Behind us the door of 2005 closes, sealing away all but our memories. Many of those memories can be so fond and pleasant to muse over.

Our most fond memories for 2005 centre around our granddaughter Rachel and, as we look through the arch toward 2006, our new beginnings start with her. During the Christmas holidays Rachel had her first skating lessons and her ice skating beginnings were the old-fashioned way – outside on the open air rink in Harcourt. It gave me such great pleasure to watch her. Many memories came flooding back as I watched her and the other young people gracefully winding here and there and I heard that never to be forgotten ring of steel as skates cut through the ice. Memories flooded back of warm comfy clothing, thick socks and white skates flashing as I glided across the frozen ice on a lake or pond.

I remember dreaming of being just like the Canadian world figure-skating champion Don Jackson and making skating history at Prague's World Championships. Ahhh, what wishful thinking! I never became a figure skater but it was a great fitness tool.

For all exercise gurus or families just wanting to have some old-fashioned skating fun together, the open air rink in Harcourt is available day and night. Daytime is a delightful time to skate; however, as darkness falls the rink is transformed into a magical place to dream. Lights come on at 4:30 p.m. and go off at 10:30 p.m.

We wish to thank Lee, Lyle, Orval, Jarrett and Andi Donaldson, Doug Brown, Morgan and Barclay Gadway and Shawn Heasman for all their hard work and patience in getting the rink up and ready for skaters. Whether you are a long-time skater or a beginner, do come out for a good workout. Please keep in mind the rink is available for free skating depending on weather and ice-conditions. Constant grooming of

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

the ice is required so bring a shovel if planning on skating after a snowstorm and remember skating on soft ice on a warm day ruins the ice for skating later.

Rachel's holiday adventures did not end on Harcourt's outdoor skating rink. She enjoyed her twice-daily trek out to the backyard to feed the visiting deer. Following great deliberation she selected such fine names for them as Donner, Glazey, Comet, Baby Bambi and Donkey. Once she was satisfied that her deer were taken care of, she was off to South Algonquin Trails and Equestrian Outfitters to feed carrots and celery to her favourite horse, Stewart Little.

Winter horse riding is available at South Algonquin Trails. What fun! Just give Tammy Donaldson a call at 705-448-1751 to make a booking.

After feeding the horses she was off to the Martin Wood Resort for tobogganing on their tube and toboggan hill where the tinkle of her infectious laughter filled the air as she sped down the hill on her little toboggan. We wish to thank owner Michael Wade for providing free access to this popular family entertainment spot.

By this time of the day both Grandpa and Grandma were ready to cocoon and bask in the warmth from the woodstove. Not Rachel. It was time for a snowmobile trip into Harcourt to pick up the mail and get her some hot chocolate and candy. We are fortunate to have many great snowmobile trails in the Harcourt area, some leading to establishments like Elephant Lake Lodge for food and refreshments or the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt.

Our days were full and our nights comforting as we reminisced and talked about Rachel's contagious laughter, her one dimple, her nonstop "why" questions, her sweet songs and the soft touch of her little hands. At the end of the day we gave thanks to be so fortunate to live in such a magnificent area and to be so fortunate to have our little granddaughter to share

all its magic with.

New Year's Eve at the Harcourt Community Centre was celebrated by more than 60 patrons who enjoyed the sounds of the Lost River Jammers. Kudos to Ross and Fern Covert, Eileen and Doug Knox, Stu and Cathy Garland, Gwen and Ed Otto, Betty and Tim Holbrook and Rosaline Mumford for all your efforts in providing this lovely evening.

The Word of Life Outreach centres in Wilberforce and Highland Grove have touched the lives of many in our community and the Christmas season was no exception. The two locations provided a great selection of clothing and miscellaneous items for community shoppers. On behalf of all the families the volunteers from the centres would like to thank all the community for their support of in-kind donations, donations of good used clothing and food donations. Through your continuous aid the food bank now has its own telephone number: 448-9707.

There continues to be a need for non-perishable food donations to help fill the emergency food bank. Donations of baby food, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned meat and stews are always welcome.

For the winter months of January, February and March the Highland Grove Centre is closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Open Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information call 448-9406. The Wilberforce centre is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday it is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, please call Clara at 448-3359 or at 448-9406.

I wish to extend congratulations to the Royal Canadian Legion 648 Ladies Auxiliary for their Sunday Brunch extraordinaire. The ladies prepare these excellent breakfasts on the second Sunday of each month at a cost of only \$6 per person. Thank you ladies for the extra courtesy extended to Mel and I this past Sunday. Next brunch will be held on February 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you have any item of interest to share please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705-448-3640.

Upcoming events at the Harcourt Community Centre:

January 11: bingo Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

January 12: progressive euchre Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

January 13: pre-teen dance. Come out and join the fun. Children aged 7 to 16 are welcome. The dance runs from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is \$3. Parents are welcome to stay for the dance.

The Harcourt Community Centre is a smoke-free establishment. Please keep in mind that a break is provided on euchre and bingo nights in order that people might smoke outdoors and not miss out on any of the action these events provide.



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A **MANDATORY** site meeting will be held on Thursday January 12, 2006 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Ops Municipal Building, 2673 Hwy #7, Lindsay, ON followed by visits to all project locations. Bidders not attending will be disqualified from the bidding process. Tenders received from disqualified Bidders will be returned unopened.

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Murder mystery follows dinner at the Legion

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Mel Smith

The New Year's Eve Dance went well and everyone enjoyed the party and The Sound of Thyme band.

Dave Burton welcomed everyone at the President's Levée.

Jan. 13: We are having our appreciation dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a murder mystery will follow. All members are welcome. I don't have a lot of information on the murder mystery, but the bar stewards do and they can be reached at 448-2221.

Jan. 17 is the general membership meeting, which now starts at 7 p.m. This is a new time, but it seems to have worked out well enough; the only person late for the last meeting was me.

Jan. 21: The Memorial Pat and Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Derby. The entry fee is \$10 per person. This is an enjoyable annual derby and it makes for a good winter break where friends can get together for some friendly competition and lots of prizes. For more information call sports director John Sorensen at 448-2738, or the bar stewards at 448-2221. The MNR rules will be in effect.

Jan. 21: dance night, 9 p.m. until closing, music by DJ Pat Castleman. Free admission. Come on out one and all for a

fun night at the Legion.

Jan. 28: The Annual Robbie Burns dinner at \$12 per plate. The Bancroft Pipes Band will pipe in the Haggis. Cocktails are at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. There has already been a lot of planning and going on just to make this evening an enjoyable event for one and all. So come out to Wilberforce and taste a little bit of Scotland. For more information call 448-2221.

Lest we forget:

Monday: fun pool at 7 p.m..

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Thursday: competitive darts 7 p.m.

Saturday: meat draw at 3 p.m. except on Jan. 28. It will be at 1 p.m. because of the Robbie Burns dinner.



Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

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Please forward curriculum vitae by January 23, 2006 to Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492 or e-mail faym@familyserviceshaliburton.ca.

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Robbie Burns dinner coming up at the Legion

Wilberforce Legion has been a happening place lately

We hope everyone had a pleasant Christmas season and that this new year 2006 will be peaceful and joyful for all.

The folks at the Wilberforce Legion have been busy with their New Year's Eve dance, the President's Levée and the monthly Sunday brunch on January 8, among regular activities. Their annual Robbie Burns dinner is coming up soon. It's on Saturday, January 28, 2006. All are welcome. Call the Legion for tickets.

The musical cabaret *Home to the Highlands* on December 29 was a memorable evening. People are still talking about this fine community event. The music of Edgar Thatcher with his guitar, his renditions of his own touching songs along with his talented musical friends who formed his band for the evening were all greatly appreciated. Well-

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Hilda Clark
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known songs were also sung, including *Winter Wonderland*, *Country Roads*, *Country Boy* and *King of the Road*, which appealed to the audience. The fun blending of some local talent with Thatcher's music added variety to the show. With the Loop Troupe's Marg Jeske and Shirley Riley singing the hilarious story of the *Twelve Days After Christmas*, troupe members mimed the actions. Later in the evening some Esson Lake and Vinegar Hill fishing folk demonstrated some entertaining fishing meth-

ods. People enjoyed delicious desserts along with creations such as Cranberry Cheer and Carolling Cup as they listened and often hummed along. Also provided for information were displays about Essonville Historic Church, the Red Cross Outpost Museum, the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair and the Highlands East Arts and Crafts Group.

The Thatchers have many good friends throughout the community, especially in the Esson Lake area. Thanks to them and to the Thatchers and their talented friends for a memorable event. Many will recall the evening as they listen to songs from Edgar's CDs such as *Talk to Me*, *Friend of Mine* and *Home to the Highlands*.

The Loop Troupe starts rehearsals this Wednesday for the spring production *Invitation to Murder*.

Pauline Johnson of the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network tells of a workshop on the use of mythology in writing. It will include a discussion by writers Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson. It will be on Thursday,

January 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre where Pauline is the writer in residence. People have created myths, original stories passed down by word of mouth, to explain the world in which they lived. The character types, the plots and themes have endured over the centuries. All are welcome.

Attending an Elector Synod for the Toronto Anglican Diocese on Saturday, January 7, 2006 from the Parish of Haliburton were the Rev. Faun Harriman, Lindsay Coates and Lynn Johnson (St. George's) and Hilda Clark (St. Margaret's). Elected from eight candidates was the Reverend Canon Doctor Patrick Yu as Suffragan Bishop. He will serve the area of Scarborough York in his new appointment. The election took place at St. James Cathedral under the leadership of Bishop Colin Johnson.

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will take place on Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. at the Outpost Historic House Museum. Do plan to participate.



The Municipality of Dysart et al PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: Pit Bull and Pit Bull Terrier owner's or anyone who owns a dog with the appearance and physical characteristics of a Pit Bull.

Recent amendments to the Dog Owner's Liability Act has banned and restricted the breeding of Pit Bulls.

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For more information please contact the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Office in Haliburton. (705) 457-1740 Municipal Office.

GARY HEADS - MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 77-32, AS AMENDED PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 MUNICIPALITY OF DYSA RT ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday February 6th, 2006.
- **TIME:** 5:30 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
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APPLICATIONS:

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 - Zone change per **By-law 77-32, as amended:** to Highway Commercial Exception (CH).
 - Zone change per **By-law 2005-120:** to Highway Commercial Exception (CH).
 - Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 4, Guilford Township, (County Road 6 - Eagle Lake Road).

- **IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

- **FURTHER INFORMATION:** including the draft by-laws is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Note: By-law 2005-120 is a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Dysart et al, passed by Council on December 12th, 2005. Once By-law 2005-120 is in full force and effect, it will replace the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law, By-law 77-32, as amended. Until that time, by-law amendments must be passed to both zoning by-laws.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 10th day of January, 2006.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP

The County of Haliburton



PUBLIC BUDGET MEETINGS

The County of Haliburton will be holding two Budget Open Houses to informally review the draft 2006 budget with the ratepayers.

The first one will be held Monday, January 16, 2006 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce between the hours of 7 pm and 9 pm. The second will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the County Council Chambers in Minden between the hours of 7pm and 9pm.

The Council of the County of Haliburton will also be having a 2006 budget meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the County Council Chambers in Minden.

For further information please contact Laura Janke at 286-1333 ext. 224 or ljanke@county.haliburton.on.ca



Municipality of Dysart Et Al SEASONAL LABOURER ROADS DEPARTMENT

Duties include general labourer responsibilities for roads maintenance purposes. Minimum of a D driver's licence with "Z" endorsement is required. Previous snowplow operator experience and/or heavy equipment operator experience is considered an asset. Employment is to commence as soon as possible for a period of up to nine (9) months. Rate of pay will be \$16.02 per hour, pursuant to the CUPE Local 2142 collective agreement.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by noon on Thursday, January 26, 2006.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Dysart et al
135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0
Tel: 705-457-1740 Fax: 705-457-1964
Email: tmckelvey@county.haliburton.on.ca

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Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
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450 IN MEMORIAM

BRYANT, ROGER (EDWARD) – In
loving memory of our dear brother,
brother-in-law who left us January 17,
2003

Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts he's always there
**Remembered lovingly by Sheila,
Shirley, Tom, Andrea, Brandon &
Brian.**

COOK, BRUCE (POPPA) – In loving
memory of a dear father and grand-
father who passed away January 12,
2004.

Throughout the past year
Things have changed
But only within our eyes.
The sight of you has disappeared
But the feeling of you will never.
For in our minds you will always be
A guiding light for all
With words of wisdom you have
spread.

For each of us to follow.
With these words passed today
I'm sure it is clear to all
That the memories we share of you
from the past
Will help us through it all.
**Dearly missed but always loved
and remembered by daughter
Brenda and Dan, son Allan and
Hiedi and grandchildren Chris,
Ashley, Jeff, Tristen and Trever.
xoxo.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

COOK, BRUCE – In loving memory
of my dear husband Bruce Cook, who
passed away January 12, 2004.
The gift in this life so precious and rare
Is the love that a husband
And wife can share
We shared that love, you and I
From the day we wed,
To the day you died.
You cared for me more than
words can say,
Your care, your love,
I could never repay.
A prayer, a tear, till the end of time
For a wonderful husband.
I was so proud to call mine.
**Sadly missed and always remem-
bered from you loving wife Viola.**

COOK, BRUCE – In loving memory
of our Dad and Poppa, who left us
January 12, 2004.
What we would give if we could say,
Hello Dad and Poppa, in that same
old way.

To hear your voice, see your smile,
To sit with you and talk awhile.
No time for fear or regret,
No wish could be stronger,
If only you could have stayed long-
er.

So you who do have a Dad and Pop-
pa,
Cherish him with care.
For, you'll never know the heartache
till one day he is not there.
**We love you Dad and Poppa,
Forever loved and sadly missed by
daughter Marlene and Ron Robin-
son, granddaughter Amanda and
your special great granddaughter
Hailey xox.**

COOK, BRUCE "POPPA" – In lov-
ing memory of Poppa who we lost on
January 12, 2004.
Your voice we can never hear,
Your touch we will never forget,
But your love will always be here,
And you'll always be in our hearts.
We miss you dearly and will love you
always.
**Love always Dave, Liz, Chris (Ash-
ley), Mike, Courtney, Chris & Dana.**

460 OBITUARIES

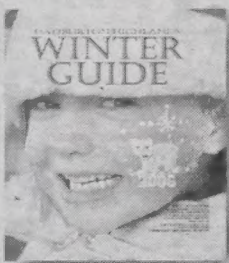
CASEY, RAY GORDON – Ray
Casey of Wilberforce, passed away
at Quinte Health Care North Hastings,
on December 23, 2005. Ray was 65
years of age, and had been ill for on-
ly a brief period. Ray was born in
Gooderham. He was the son of Per-
cy Casey and Elsie Maxwell and the
loving husband of Lorraine (MacDuff).
He was the dedicated father of Ren-
ee and Darryl of Brampton and Ken-
ton and April of Wilberforce. He will
be fondly remembered by his
grandchildren Shelby-Lynn and Cur-
tis. Also mourning are Ray's siblings,
Ross of Wilberforce, Audrey of Lind-
say and Edna of Peterborough. He
was predeceased by his sister Mary.
Ray has been employed as a factory
worker. At Ray's request there was
no service. Cremation took place at
Elmwood Crematorium and the ar-
rangements were entrusted to the
Baragar Funeral Home.

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SISSON, PHYLLISS (Upton) –
Peacefully at Scarborough General
Hospital on December 25, 2005 in her
77th year. Phylliss, beloved wife of the
late Arthur Sisson. Predeceased by
daughter Doreen. Dear mother of
Nancy (Dave) Hillison and Kathy
(Wayne). Daughter of Gertude Upton.
Sister to Jean (Allan) McKnight and
Stanley (Julie) Upton. Sister-in-law to
Dorothy Upton and Frank Sisson.
Grandmother to Ray, Rodney, Dar-
ryl, Leeann and Dylan. Great-Nanny to
Brad, Jessie, Christopher, Blake,
Alecia, Hope, Trinity, Kaylyne and
Martina. Sadly missed by many
pieces and nephews. Private crema-
tion was held. Burial will take place at
St. Peter's Anglican Church in the
spring. Mother, may you now have
found peace. Donations in Phylliss's
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- **Jan. 10:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place on January 10, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to manage difficult behaviours with our guest Darlene Box from Family Services. Please call to register by Monday, Jan. 9, 2006 at 286-1770.
- **Jan. 11:** Sign up now for Adventure Morning starting on January 11th. This three-week series is a Parent Child interactive program. Each Wednesday we will explore a topic using song, math, science, crafts and more. Parents will leave with information to continue the learning and fun at home. For further information please call the Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton at 457-2989.
- **Jan. 11:** Red Hatter Matter – your attention please, all ladies of the Red Hats of Haliburton County – your next fun-tastic event is on Jan. 11th. A special noon luncheon buffet at Win Yeung Chinese restaurant in Haliburton. Please phone 754-4957 or queen "B" at 457-9595 by January 5th. to reserve your place.
- **Jan. 12:** Haliburton County Farmers' Association Annual General Meeting. Thurs. Jan. 12, Minden Arena at 7:30. Plan to attend and become a director on our executive, an active volunteer, or a member enjoying our many activities, agricultural information sessions and vet services. For more info. call 455-9617.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Well Baby Drop-In will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in (Sears Building). Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. For information call the Health Unit, 457-1391.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Family Supper Night is taking place on January 12, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to handle your child's whining and temper tantrums. Please call to register by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at 457-2989.
- **Jan. 12:** Ladies Fellowship – The West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Theme: New Beginnings. Special Speaker: Ruth Carter. Feature: Mary Gryciuk of Marty's. Music: Donna Lee Sisson. Join us for a ladies night out! For more info. call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Jan. 13 to March 3:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering 8 Swim and Gym sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Splish, Splash, and Play! Families that play together stay fit together. Join us Friday mornings starting January 13 to Mar. 3 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.
- **Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym – The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their pre-school children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity has begun again from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.
- **Ontario Early Years Centre** is offers Free Developmental Screening Clinics by appointment only. Held at the Centre (behind Sears). Call 286-1770 to register.
- **Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton – Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Community Care Haliburton County** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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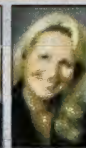
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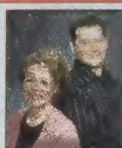
\$245,000



HARBURN ROAD

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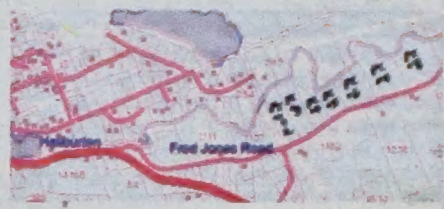
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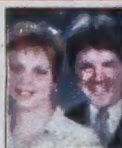
\$239,700



REDSTONE LAKE

Beautiful waterfront acreage on Big Redstone Lake w/over 400 ft frontage & 9 acres of well wooded property one side has an awesome rock ridge for excellent privacy. On the other side is a gradual slope to the lake front. Driveway is in & site is arranged. Clean shoreline has rock & sand bottom w/mixed depth. Lovely Western view up East Bay. Prime waterfront acreage, don't miss it!

\$314,700



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176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



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12 MILE LAKE WATERFRONT

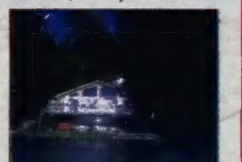
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\$159,500



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ext. 224

SIR SAM'S SKI AREA - ANGEL ROAD

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Wow! Only minutes to golfing, skiing, snowmobiling, boating, swimming & fishing. This 3 bdrm home is nestled esthetically into a 5 acre lot close to Minden. A circular staircase sweeps from the lower, to the main & to the upper level. From the kitchen you can walk out to your balcony & enjoy your morning coffee or relax in a bright cozy living room. For viewing ask for Victor Disk.

\$279,000



SOUTH LAKE

This year round cottage/home is about 2 hours to Toronto & only minutes to Minden. A very large kitchen makes entertaining enjoyable. The 3 bdrms are a good size in this 1200 sq ft home. Close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This Lake boasts very good bass fishing. Come see for yourself. Ask for Victor Disk.

\$269,000



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CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lrg loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

\$139,900



Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Ted Vasey*
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INGOLDSBY

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

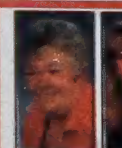
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BOSHUNG LAKE

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

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RAVINE ROAD, MINDEN

This two bedroom raised bungalow Royal Home with a full walkout basement is situated a short distance south of Minden on a very private 95 acres property. Nicely treed acreage with trails throughout, large deck, modern propane furnace recently installed, spacious eat-in kitchen. Ideal country retreat!!

\$249,500



SWINSON ROAD

Ideal starter or investment/rental home. Situated just off County Road #121, this 3 bdrm bungalow features open concept Kit & dining area, main floor family room & office/den. Nestled on nicely treed and private 3 acre lot, this home is presently vacant and available for immediate possession.

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NEW LISTING

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\$17,500/each



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COMMERCIAL

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\$259,000



CUSTOM HOME

Beautifully finished 4 bedroom home nestled on 21 acres right in the village of Haliburton. 2-storey stone FP is the center of the warm and lovely home.

\$469,000



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EAGLE LAKE LOTS

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TORY HILL

Bright, sunny country home features 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths, large family room w/woodstove & a screened porch. Everything you need to enjoy the gentle rolling hills all year round.

\$139,900

